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The General Secretary

"Stopping" The Brewery Horses

We like the positive action that a group of Christians took recently in Waco, Texas.

A famous brewery staged a parade with their big horses pulling a wagon of dummy beer cases. The beer men found a surprise as they looked at the end of their parade. They saw a trailer truck bearing a demolished automobile that contained catsup—splattered young people hanging from its windows and a sign on the side of the auto declaring that "Beer and Automobiles Equal Death."



Dr. Gene Stone

Throughout the city the temperance forces followed the booze boys. They had a parade permit, too. The report is that thousands gasped and applauded as they had a visual demonstration of some of the results of alcoholic beverage. The wet forces had a hard time that day in Texas. We applaud this action and hope that elsewhere young and older people will use every means possible to down the liquor forces.

Christian youth cannot help but be disturbed by the new regulation that permits the sale of hard liquors in Army posts. All of this adds up to the fact that we must continue our efforts of education and the securing of legislation to help end these evils.

Bryans on Tour

Dr. Ernest R. Bryan and his wife Mildred leave Washington, D. C., October 1 for a six week tour to the land "down under."

Dr. Bryan will speak at the convention of the Australian Christian Endeavorers and also will address many meetings in New Zealand, Fiji Islands, and Hawaii. He and his wife expect to be back in Washington November 5.

Begin African Ministry

Rev. and Mrs. R. Ward Williams began their missionary work in North Africa August 1 and are now living at 40 Avenue de Bienfait, Constantine, Algeria, Afrique du Nord.

Ward for a number of years was field secretary of the Missouri and Illinois Christian Endeavor Unions. The Williamses are being congratulated on the arrival of a son, Mark Ward, in the American Hospital, Paris, June 2.

Congratulations

Congratulations have been extended to Rev. and Mrs. Andrew Wright on their silver wedding anniversary July 28. Mr. Wright is general secretary of the Christian Endeavor Union of Great Britain and Ireland.

Rev. John Butosi of Hammond, Indiana, a former field secretary of Christian Endeavor in Hungary, was married August 16 to Lorraine Frida Louise Nickel of La Salle, Illinois.

Dr. Clyde W. Meadows, vice-president of International Society, was honored by Huntington College in receiving the "Alumnus of the Year" award.

Rev. Monroe Drew, Jr., former associate editor of "The Christian Endeavor World," has recently been appointed extension director of Allied Youth in Washington, D. C.

Visitor from England

Rev. A. Ernest Willmott, former president of the London Christian Endeavor Federation, visited America recently and spoke at a number of meetings of the Kentucky Christian Endeavor Union.

Injured in Accident

Dr. Louis H. Benes, editor of "The Church Herald," a trustee of International Society, and co-chairman of the Grand Rapids Christian Endeavor convention committee, was injured in an automobile accident September 1. He has been confined to St. Mary's Hospital, Grand Rapids.

PUBLISH GLAD TIDINGS

Do you believe in telling good news?

What do you think of the freedom of the press and the power of the press in the lives of youth?

Christian Endeavor has a very effective "tool" to help young America in "The Christian Endeavor World."

You can be of great assistance in getting this magazine into the hands of more young people and their leaders by observing "Christian Endeavor World" Day Sunday, October 25. This is an appropriate time as the month of October has been nationally designated as Protestant Church Press Month. Write today to The Christian Endeavor World, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 5, Ohio, for plans and materials to mark this special day.

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COVER

Christian Endeavorers in Arapahoe, Maderia, South India, for Christian Endeavor's emblem literally to the "periods." Help for a new headquarters building for the India Union is one of the objectives of the United Advance of the International Society.

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The Religious Re-Awakening In Germany

**Christians Eager to Serve and Witness Whatever
the Cost -- Refugees Given Help**

by Helen Lyon Jones

Ever since the Reformation the majority of Germans have been Lutherans.

Under Hitler, that Church (as well as the Jewish and Catholic groups) met with suppression in many forms and a large number of the clergy were imprisoned, exiled, or executed.

Today, in Western Germany churches are free once more and the Lutherans are again under the supervision of their bishops. In the Russian Zone of Eastern Germany, however, the situation is very difficult for many German Christians and their pastors, and Bishops who have charge of churches in the Eastern Zone have a very hard time trying to get religious supplies, as well as needed food and clothing to their people. The things that do get through are "life-givers" for the faithful German church members who refuse to abandon their religion in spite of the heavy pressure being brought to bear on them by the communist authorities.

Never before has the Christian Church in Western Germany done so much to help others as it is now doing for their oppressed fellow-Christians in the Eastern Zone. German Christians are learning to follow the example of the Good Samaritan in a most effective way. And yet, all they are doing is a mere drop in the bucket compared with what needs to be done if the Church in the Eastern Zone is to survive. We have an example of the heroic purpose of East German Christians in the theological students who come to the seminary in the Western Section of Berlin. In the case of other university students from the Russian Zone only a small percentage of them plan to return to their home after completing their courses; for the life of

a German lawyer, doctor, scientist or teacher is easier and more lucrative in the Western Zone than in the Eastern.

Life In Eastern Zone

Life in the Eastern Zone is even harder for a Christian minister but the sense of duty of the theological students is so strong, and their consecration so great that about eighty percent of them have declared their intention to go back to serve the Christian churches in the Eastern Zone when they are through, "whatever the cost." When we think of their whole-hearted devotion to the hard task they have chosen we must bare our heads in deep admiration of these fine young men.

Undoubtedly the number one problem in Western Germany is that of caring for the refugees who have been coming in great numbers from the Russian Zone through the half-open gate of Berlin, and in many instances also from such satellite countries as Poland, Latvia, Czechoslovakia, and Austria to the purer "air" of Western Europe. For a while they were pouring into Western Berlin at the rate of over three thousand a day. We do not know how many more were caught at the border, unable to get through. We do know that, if they reached safety, it was because they were willing to leave behind them whatever property they may have had, to come to a new place without money, and with only the clothes on their backs, which meant a sacrifice for freedom that few, if any of us, in the United States have been called upon to make.

The situation in Berlin, already a badly overcrowded city, with much unemployment and with shortages of food, clothing, and housing, has produced a terrific problem which seems to have no immediate solution. Some refugees, especially children and young people, are being flown out to many sections of Western Germany. No city, no town, no village has escaped the necessity of absorbing them into its already strained economy, and every community is having great difficulty in making both ends meet.

While in Berlin this past May, my husband and I had the opportunity of visiting a shelter for about thirty moth-



German Union Publishes Helps . .

A picture of the cover of the 32-page monthly magazine of the Christian Endeavor Union of Germany is shown. Rev. Arno Pagel is head of the organization which is serving thousands of youth.

ers and small children, who had no bread-winner to whom they could turn. This shelter is being run by a very capable and sympathetic German Matron and is being supported by voluntary gifts from Germans and Americans living in Berlin. The sunny playground behind the house made a happy contrast to the cheerless streets where one saw many miserable refugees who had no such place to which to turn. Durable clothing for men, women and children is urgently needed and will be carefully sorted and distributed if sent to The American Women's Club of Berlin, APO 742, c/o Postmaster, New York, New York. The package should be labeled "used clothing."

Projects for Refugees

We had opportunities to see other projects for helping the refugees, such as one which was initiated by consecrated German Christians. At Bad Vilbel, near Frankfurt-am-Main, on a wind-swept hill called "Heilsburg," we visited Pastor Adolf Freudenberg, a kindly man who had the inspiration of helping the

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Mrs. Joseph Holton Jones, Wilmington, Delaware, vice-president of the International Society of Christian Endeavor, tells of conditions in Germany, where she visited in May.

Endeavorers Serve In Veterans Hospital



Members of the Roanoke Christian Endeavor Union are shown at the recent third anniversary chapel service in the Veterans Administration Hospital, Roanoke, Virginia. First row (second from right) is Alean Ziegler, president, Roanoke Union. Second row (first on right) is Mrs. A. L. Pickett, who is in charge of the hospital chapel program.

The Roanoke Union conducts services in the chapel each Friday with nearly 400 patients attending and 25 to 35 Endeavorers participating. This summer the youth conducted outdoor services on the lawn in the late evening with more than 1,000 present.

All of the churches with societies in the Roanoke Union have been taking part in the services. Assisting Mrs. A. L. Pickett of the Piney Grove Christian Church, with program arrangements are Winton Shelor, South Salem Christian; Adean Ziegler, Bethany Christian; Bobby Parker, Belmont Christian; Don McAfee, Villamont Presbyterian; Mrs. L. S. McDowell, Vinton Christian, and Joan Morris, Belmont Presbyterian.

Plan Dedication Of New Headquarters

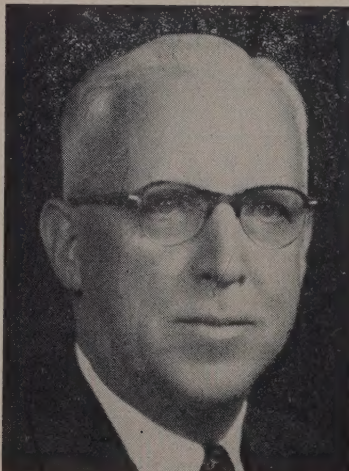
Christian Endeavor's United Advance reports progress as plans are being made for the dedication of the new headquarters building in Columbus, Ohio, to be held December 6.

Efforts are being continued by the committee, headed by Allan J. Blair, to reach the goal of \$112,000 in the campaign to forward the work of Christian Endeavor in many areas.

The new structure for Christian Endeavor headquarters has been completed and the moving of the offices is in progress. The new address is 1221 East Broad Street.

Convention Addresses

Echoes of the International convention held in Denver, Colorado, in June are still being heard. Great impetus was given to the spiritual life of thousands through this convention. Copies of the addresses of Dr. Ernest R. Bryan and Governor Theodore R. McKelvin made at the convention are available by writing to International Society.



Warren G. Hoopes

Penna. C. E. Union Honors Warren G. Hoopes

High tribute was paid to Warren G. Hoopes at a banquet of the Executive Committee of the Pennsylvania Christian Endeavor Union in Harrisburg, September 19. The occasion marked 25 years that Mr. Hoopes has served as general secretary of the Keystone State Union.

NEW LIFE FOR YOUTH

Christian Endeavor Work Revitalized
by Crusade of Evangelical Congregational Denomination

A "Forward With Christ Crusade" the Keystone League of Christian Endeavor of the Evangelical Congregational Church has revitalized youth work in scores of churches, according to a report made by Rev. James K. Rapp of Allentown, Pennsylvania, chairman of the Crusade committee.



Rev. J. K. Rapp

Twenty-two new societies were organized and a good number were reorganized through the Crusade. Hundreds of commitments to the Christian Endeavor pledge, Quiet Hour and Tenth Legion were made. Besides participating in Christian Endeavor Week programs and other activities societies in the Evangelical Congregational denomination cooperated with the evangelistic efforts of the church. In three churches the societies conducted an entire week of services.

Mr. Rapp, who is a member of the Topics Committee of the International Society, advised that many articles of Christian Endeavor work were published in *The United Evangelical* to aid in the promotion of the Crusade.

Besides Mr. Rapp members of the committee included Rev. K. R. Maure, Rev. E. D. Ehrig, Rev. C. W. Barnes, Mrs. Jay Leshner and Mrs. O. C. Dorney.

8,000 German Youth

Attend Convention

The annual convention of the German Christian Endeavor Union was attended by more than 8,000 young people at Marburg in July.

Delegations from Britain and other countries were at the meeting. A special tour party was conducted under the leadership of Rev. Andrew Wright, general secretary of the Christian Endeavor Union of Great Britain and Ireland.

Leaders in Christian Endeavor, other religious organizations, government and other fields were in attendance when Mr. Hoopes was presented a book containing scores of letters of congratulations. Gifts were also given to Mr. Hoopes and his wife, Marion. The October issue of *YOUTH TODAY*, the official magazine of the union, has been dedicated to the general secretary.

"I Believe The Only Way To Handle Liquor Is Total Abstinence"

Theodore R. McKeldin

Governor of Maryland

"I'M A TEETOTALER," Governor Theodore R. McKeldin of Maryland, emphatically declared at the Citizenship Night meeting of the 42nd International Christian Endeavor Convention in the City Auditorium of Denver, Colorado, June 25.

"I have never touched alcohol in my life," stated the man who nominated General Dwight D. Eisenhower for President. "When I was elected governor they asked me if I were going to serve drinks in the Mansion to all the celebrities who come. I said, 'No, it is my home and I never serve it. I don't drink and I never serve it in my home in Baltimore, and I will not serve it in Annapolis in the Mansion. If anybody wants to drink they can get a drink before they come and see me, and if they are coming to see me only for a drink, why I'm sure they are not interested in seeing me.'"

"And so I am a teetotaler and I believe that the only way to handle liquor, in my humble opinion, is total abstinence," Governor McKeldin told the Christian Endeavor youth who gave a thunderous applause.

Christian Endeavor honored the Chief Executive of Maryland by presenting him International Youth's Distinguished Service Citation.

Youth Reaffirm Stand

The Christian youth at Denver voiced their stand on the liquor question.

The following resolution was adopted by the convention:

Whereas, Christian Endeavor has always given aggressive leadership in the agencies that would outlaw the liquor traffic and other social evils, we would again commit ourselves to practice total abstinence.

Editor's Note — With the Senior-Young People's Topic for November 1 on the subject of temperance, information on this page will be found helpful.

Since the misuse of narcotics and beverage alcohol continues to present a major social and moral problem leading to delinquency in all of its varied forms, we urge all Christian Endeavorers to actively encourage immediate legislation to eliminate these evils, and that we encourage our societies to conduct an aggressive program of education concerning these evils.

A "BEST-SELLER" ON ALCOHOL

Have you wondered if "the case against alcoholic beverages" has ever been put into a leaflet which could be read with ease in seven or eight minutes? The National Education Association has met such requirements in its booklet, "Shall I Become a Drinker?"

The attractively printed Personal Growth Leaflet No. 104 was written by "The World's" Associate Editor, Bert H. Davis. Copies now being circulated are from the fifteenth printing. Total copies printed number 460,000!

No. 104, one of an excellent series produced under a special grant, is issued in co-operation with Allied Youth, Inc., 1709 M Street, N. W., Washington 6, D. C., leaders in youth education on alcohol, with which all Christian Endeavorers should be familiar.

Copies of "Shall I Become a Drinker?" may be ordered at 2 cents each (minimum order 50 cents) from the National Education Association, 1201 Sixteenth Street, N. W., Washington 6, D. C.



Statistics That Stagger

Christian Endeavorers and many other Christians are shocked and ready to take action when they learn statistics that are presented by the National Temperance League and other groups.

Reports show that the people of the United States spent \$9,570,000,000 for alcoholic beverages in the year ending June 30, 1952, or \$61.44 per capita. A comparison of this amount, which resulted in crime, delinquency, divorce, lessened efficiency of labor, mental disease, and all the mass of misery connected with the use of alcoholic beverages, with that spent for some substantial good is shown as follows:

Churches, contributions for all purposes, 1950	\$1,138,737,506
Public assistance, all categories, 1952	\$2,392,566,000
ALL schools, 1950	\$8,795,635,000

Reports also show that major crimes in 1952 as reported by FBI reached a total of 2,036,510, an all-time high for the nation—with liquor being one of the major causes.

Liquor A Parasite

"Liquor is the enemy of a sound economic order," Dr. W. R. White, president of Baylor University, has declared. "It is a parasite. It consumes or destroys more values and returns less to society than any other business. It is the foe and competitor of every legitimate enterprise. The grocery business is no competitor to the hardware business, but the liquor business is the competitor of all business. It is the enemy of the school, the church, the state, interest of humanity would suffer the it could be destroyed and no worthy slightest loss."

Welcome, Stranger!

Young Adult Workshop

NOT for some years have I seen the message that once appeared quite often on church display panels: "You are a stranger here only once."

Probably some churches and social organizations still present this claim, but actually it's a hard one to back up.

I'd suggest that you're still a stranger in a new church until you begin to see a number of familiar faces in the congregation, until the architecture and furnishings and stained-glass windows do not intrude because of strangeness—and until you have begun to take a part in making visitors around you feel the friendliness of God's house.

That's right. You don't have to be a real Old-Timer, a home-town boy or girl, to find yourself a sort of host or introducer. You may soon consider yourself an Old-Timer in church and community—a responsibility you gladly assume—because you have been longer here and more active here than several of those of about your age whom you'll see and perhaps talk with in the next forty-eight hours.

The Approach To Newcomers

Nan Carter's gambit with an apparent newcomer appeals to me.

She usually begins, "I'm new around here myself. I came from Camden about a year and a half ago." Then she and the girl she just approached trade names. And Nan hears that Shirley is a State employee who moved from Albany six weeks ago . . . and so forth.

If you're *not* "new around here," it may prove harder to help the brand-new young adult feel a part of the congregation—one who becomes involved in or drawn into group worship and fellowship. But I'm sure you'll try to make good in this important form of service.

You didn't intend, when you greeted Tom and Bill so familiarly, following church service, to exhibit so much of Old-Timer comradeship as to cause Bob Newcomer to feel downright lonely. When "the crowd" formed a little knot of friendliness at the Maple Street door, you didn't realize that any strange young adult leaving the service would feel deeply, "Well, this is a cliquey church, isn't it?"

By the smile that goes with the hand-clasp, with some gambit of informal talk like Nan Carter's you can help the newcomer feel drawn into the fellowship of your Christian group, even though fleetingly.

Making the stranger feel a step or two closer to the warm experience of being an Old-Timer is well worth the slight effort you'll make. Accepting the new person as if he or she is "in" beats any of the organized, committee-action ways for going after the young adult stranger in the community.

With the organized ways you are probably familiar. Usually these don't require the newcomer to take even a first step toward getting acquainted. The Welcome Wagon, now more than twenty-five years old as an American institution, employs the usual approaches—and handles them well. Its employed hostesses welcome the new homemaker and leave with her a gift basket representing the friendly overtures of local merchants. They collect data on children's birthdays, wedding anniversaries, the family pets, the hobbies of Mr. and Mrs.

Welcome Wagon ladies tell the new family about organizations in the community, including churches, and usually they'll pass information along to a clergyman of the preferred denomination.

Church folk too can make this front-door approach to the family that just moved in—and it helps identify the newcomers with local interests.

But a smile across the aisle and a few words before the new worshiper departs will mean much more.

When a young adult, once an unknown, begins to feel a sense of belonging, some other factors come into the picture.

Guide Book For Church

A small Guide Book to your church will prove interesting to many visitors. Giving a copy to a newcomer is an ice-breaker too.

We'll make detailed suggestions for such a piece, to be mimeographed or multigraphed, within the next few months. And in the meantime, if you should produce such a booklet or bulletin, please be sure to send a sample to Workshop.

First The Don'ts!

Don't rush the newcomer. If he or she is with your group three Sundays and skips one, try not to play truant officer. Don't over-emphasize the social end of things. And let the newcomer do a little of the leading.

Don't be in any way resentful if the newcomer wants to sample some other churches and young adult groups.

Don't ask too quickly for advice and criticism concerning what the young adult group is doing. Give your new friend an opportunity to size things up.

Don't make a new member—whether new to your community or to your church—feel that you expect him or her to take a post of leadership before there has been opportunity to meet and know the group and establish a footing in the program you're conducting.



And Here Are Some Do's!

Do be sure the newcomer meets your minister and has an opportunity, if desired, for a get-acquainted conversation in an unhurried atmosphere.

Do draw out the newcomer with tact and true friendship, to find personal interests and past activities, both in and out of church work.

Do enlist the newcomer to help you reach and meet others who are not yet Old-Timers in your community.

Do try to put yourself into the place one desiring to 'grow into' the community and its Christian and other comradeship, selecting close friends gradually and with understanding, picking up this and that phase of community life that seem promising and worthwhile, learning what and how one may serve to the best advantage and without elbowing others aside.

The church, and its young adults, should become well acquainted with the natural, friendly, informal ways to make newcomers feel at home—for Americans are moving around more and more than ever before in the nation's active history!

What Is The "Right Spot" For Your Life?

"A young Marine veteran, wounded at Iwo Jima, heard a lot of people complaining about bad politics in their district but nobody appeared to be doing anything about it. He plans to run for district leader. He says he expects a tough fight, but is encouraged by a growing number of persons who are surprised and delighted that someone like himself is taking a stand."

"A young man in personnel work recently gave up his job in a West Coast department store. He went into the same type of work in his State government because he was convinced of the greater good he could do there. He intends to stay in government work, even at some reduction in pay. In personnel work he has endless opportunities to see that only loyal, efficient Americans are employed in public work."

From "50,000 Career Guidance Schools," published by The Christophers, New York 17.

Ben T. Davis

Youth Assembly Stages Annual Meeting



Members of the Youth Assembly of the International Society of Christian Endeavor are shown in Denver, Colorado, where they held their annual meeting in connection with the 42nd International Convention. Among those in the picture besides the members of the Assembly are Dr. Daniel A. Poling, president of the World's Christian Endeavor Union, and Dr. Ernest R. Bryan, president of the International Society. Vern Hoffman is chairman of the organization.

Via The Eye And Ear

Help For November Meetings

By Amy Deck Faust

The chief character in *Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch* devoted her major energy to the task of "keeping dust off her rose colored spectacles."

Mrs. Wiggs could see blessings in everything. Even when it was cold and fuel was scarce she could rejoice in the fact that God had seen fit to let the thermometer "fall clean up to zero." Thankfulness does depend upon vision. Life is like looking through field glasses. The pessimist looks through the wrong end and sees great blessings as just little things. The person who views life correctly sees even the common blessings properly magnified by God's love.

It is fitting that in the month of "Thanksgiving" we look at our blessings through world glasses. Our eyes and ears should be tuned to the frequency of the world task. In this way we see blessings, opportunities, and Christian responsibilities. A good plan for this month would be a study of one of the texts on "The Life and Task of the Church Around the World." The texts can then be illustrated by maps, foreign dolls, pictures, flannelgraph, or projected slides, film-strips, or motion pictures.

Visualizing Missions

Perhaps one of the very best ways to visualize any of the first four Christian Endeavor topics for the month of November is to make use of an opaque projector. There are various types of "reflectorscopes" or "magic lanterns" available. The advantage of this type of projection is that you can make up your own program. You

do not have to depend on a ready-made film or film strip or on kodachrome slides. Take the map, picture, chart, graph, snapshot, or photograph which you want to use and reflect it on the screen for everyone to see. Thus, one snapshot of your church missionary need not be passed from hand to hand but at the moment needed can be seen by everyone.

For this type of program you need a screen, a fairly dark room, the projector, and the material you wish to have seen. Most of the equipment can be rented or borrowed if you arrange well in advance, even if you do not own it. Under any circumstance be sure of the mechanics of the

"TELL THE WORLD"

One way to give our message to millions is to participate in Christian Endeavor's panel poster program.

A beautiful new four-color display has recently come off the presses and will be distributed throughout the country. The success of this will depend upon the local unions and their efforts to promote this annual project which is held in connection with Christian Endeavor Week.

Posters must be ordered before November 15. Write today for information to Harold E. Westerhoff, International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 5, Ohio.

projector because there is a great difference in type.

The material to be projected may be laid flat on the machine or it may be mounted. Most machines do not handle pictures larger than the ordinary size of typewriting paper. In fact it is a good plan to mount all pictures, maps, etc. on sheets of construction, or typewriting paper and then attach them to each other with scotch tape. The pile of papers then lies in "accordion pleats" and the operator just moves it through the projector. Some models make it possible for everything to be mounted on rolls of paper like "shelf-paper." The operator then rolls the material across the projecting platform.

The possibilities for programming with this type of apparatus is limitless. You may type titles and comments on, or beside, the maps and pictures. You may project the letter from your missionary. You may open your study book and project parts of the mission book on the screen. (Most projectors handle anything up to two inches in thickness. The lens is merely refocused for varying thicknesses.) The headlines in your newspaper, or a color painting by one of your members will be shown in perfect likeness. Small dolls, flags, and curios (up to 2 inches in thickness) can also be projected.

Materials on Temperance and Citizenship

Two film-strips in black and white, 20 and 23 frames, with five minute 78 r.p.m. records are available from the Methodist publishing houses and some other denominations. The two film-strips and records sell for a total of \$5. "Decision" deals with drinking. "Diagnosis" with the problems of prejudice. Both should provoke study-discussion.

The Encyclopedia Britannica Films Inc., Wilmette, Ill., has produced a number of films dealing with mental health, alcohol education, and citizenship. Inquiries should be made about the use of films such as: *Alcoholism, Drug Addiction, Alcohol and the Human Body*, etc.

Coronet Films, 65 E. South Water St., Chicago 1, Ill. (and local *Ideal Picture* depositories) rent a number of films on similar subjects. Inquiries should include requests concerning such films as: *Beginning Responsibilities; How to Say No; Make Your Own Decisions; Science and Superstition; What Is Conscience?* and other similar films.

A list of projected aids on temperance is available through the *Women's Christian Temperance Union*, 1730 Chicago Ave., Evanston, Ill.

The United States Navy has made a number of training films on various problems such as drinking, gambling, and various phases of moral conduct. Dr. Ernest R. Bryan was the author of an article about these films appearing in *Church Management*, May, 1953. "Thinking Straight" concerns the use of alcohol. Loan of films and the names of other titles may be secured from your local Naval District chaplain.

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Senior-
Young
People

— NOVEMBER 1 —

Comments by Earle W. Gates

Pattern For The Meeting

The leader of this meeting should make careful preparation for its success by these steps:

- Pray for God's blessing and help.
- Study the Bible selections given.
- Read the following material, then add his own thoughts, experiences, and other illustrations.
- Plan a brief Leader's Talk to make clear the purposes of the meeting.

It is good for Christian young people to periodically discuss temperance and total abstinence. It gives the Christian a little more wisdom and strength to face some of the many evils of the world today. At this meeting emphasize the power of example and show the results of personal example both good and bad.

An interesting way to either open the meeting, or the discussion portion, is the following plan. Have an imitation microphone and a radio announcer, or play a previously-made recording as though on the radio and thus give a news "broadcast." Search the newspapers and magazines for a series of news items about events that are directly or indirectly a result of drinking. Show that in these, "one was too many." Discuss later how the drinking might have begun and when it should have been stopped.

Aim Of The Topic

To show that "just one" drink leads to more, becomes habit, and results in sin, trouble, and destruction.

Harmful To The Body

No good is derived from strong intoxicants. There is no physical benefit derived, but science has proven great harm resulting from it. It is known to damage the heart, the liver, the stomach, and many other vital organs, in many cases fatal. Strong drink is often used to "drown one's troubles." This is a foolish fantasy. The temporary nature of it is one of its bad features. When the effect of the drinking has worn off, it leaves one more depressed

Bible Meditations

- M., Oct. 26. Moses Said, "No." Heb. 11:24-26.
- T., Oct. 27. Daniel Said, "No." Dan. 1:3-16.
- W., Oct. 28. Jesus Said, "No." Matt. 4:1-11.
- T., Oct. 29. John the Baptist: Total Abstinence. Luke 1:11-17.
- F., Oct. 30. Our Bodies, God's Temples. I Cor. 6:19, 20.
- S., Oct. 31. A Wise Substitution. Eph. 5:15-20.
- Sun., Nov. 1. Topic—"One Is Too Many." Prov. 20:1; 23:29-32; I Thess. 5:21-23.

"One Is Too Many"

Proverbs 23:29-32; I Thessalonians 5:21-23

than before and also with more troubles and problems than he started with. Facing the original problems of trouble honestly, with the help of God, is much more simple—and is effective. The most tragic way that drinking is harmful to the body is in the number of lives, often innocent lives, it takes. This comes as a result of drunken brawls, drunken driving, inflamed tempers, unbalanced judgment, etc. Needless to say, many of these lives that are lost are not those of the drunkards, but of the innocent.

Harmful To The Soul

In Proverbs 23:29-33, it reads in part, "Look not thou upon the wine when it is red . . ." Read it all again. There is the warning that it is against God's command, as it makes the one who indulges susceptible to evils that do not ordinarily tempt him. When one breaks the commands and wishes of his Heavenly Father he injures his own spiritual life and stops its growth. When one such law is broken it is much easier to break the second and the third. If one has truly given his life and soul to the Lord he will not participate in the evils of the world, remembering that he is not his own.

One who indulges in strong drink does not have the strength of character or the spiritual power of one who does not. It only takes one drink to begin such a change. A wise old saying is "The man takes a drink, the drink takes a drink, then the drink takes the man."

Harmful To The Friend

Everyone has followers who look up to him as an example. These people are not usually known to be followers, but nevertheless they are still there—and watching—so beware. Many people can take one drink and not have it bring them any particular harm personally, if they have enough self-control to stop at one. But that one never knows how much harm he might be causing someone else. If one who looks up to another for guidance, sees his "idol" take that one drink, how will he ever know that there was only one? Perhaps that leader has only the one follower he leads astray, but the follower might have many others looking to him. The first mistake thus causes many more.

Some friends (so called) encourage their associates to take that first drink just by thoughtless words such as the popular epithet "chicken" or "sissy." The strong individual sticks to his "no." The weakling follows the crowd. That first drink may develop a taste that will bring unhappiness and destruction.

Often those who have been prominent and outstanding leaders in a community or city have lost character, reputation, money, home, friends, and all that once seemed important because of that first drink. The first drink is a minor evil, but it leads to major evils of gambling, non-support of loved ones, uncontrolled sex desires, broken homes, careless living, etc. Everything that ends up wrong, whether it be crime or low moral living, started in a small insignificant way, like "just try it once." Evil begins so innocently, but grows

A SEED THOUGHT

"The person who never takes the first drink never becomes drunkard."

by leaps and bounds. Truly, "one is too many."

For Example

At this time it would be helpful to have the radio broadcast that was mentioned in the introduction. The leader, a select committee, or the whole society could collect newspaper clippings of human interest stories, or take notes of radio or television broadcasts, showing how they all began by "just one drink." They will need to compile, and make brief and enthusiastic to keep the interest.

Examples: man drunk beating wife killing family and taking own life; driving recklessly and causing injury or death; divorce due to drink; and the many other illustrations of "one is too many."

For You —

Scripture teaches "Abhor that which is evil—" Anything that leads to evil is evil itself. Keep yourself clean and pure so not to lead others astray. Don't "egg others on" even once; it might do permanent harm. Remember, "one is too many," whether it is one drink, one smoke, or error of taking the Lord's name in vain. One filthy story, one immoral act, or gambling act, one lie, one neglected opportunity to do what is right and good. The "once" might become habit, and you can afford to take that chance.

THINK IT OVER

1. Think, and if possible discuss, what is in your life that is wrong, that began as one innocent act.

2. What would be your response if asked to do what to you was wrong, even if you were called "chicken" for not doing it? Give reasons for answer.

3. Do you think your life influences another? Are you worthy of such a following?

4. Should you be concerned as to whether or not your life harms another? Why or why not?

5. Recall and repeat some of the broadcast illustrations, and discuss how the harm brought about might have resulted from "one" drink and how it could have been avoided.

6. Discuss the truth of the "Seed Thought."

7. Do you promise to do your best, and so live that others can safely follow your example? (Have all who wish to agree stand. Follow with closing or Christian Endeavor benediction.)

Keeping My Reading Christian

I Timothy 4:11-16

Our Aims

1. To learn how to develop one's self through reading.
2. To get a yardstick for choosing good reading.
3. To appreciate Christian periodicals.

Exercise Your Mind

It is with the mind as with the body. The body develops and retains its health through exercise. But the body is there to begin with. That had to be born before it could react to outer natural processes. So with the mind. The mind develops and retains its health through exercise. But the mind is there to begin with. That had to come into being before it was able to react to outer stimuli.

Here are some rules to exercise your mind:

Don't read just to be reading! Have a definite purpose in view.

Read widely the subjects in which you have greatest interest.

Read some books because you feel a need for more knowledge in this area.

Read expectantly.

Hold a two-way conversation with the author in your mind.

Make a note of problems about which you wish to think further.

Keep yourself a list of books read, with title, author, date, and one new idea.

Discipline yourself to read regularly.

What Shall We Read?

Never in history has such a flood of good literature poured out to the public as now flows from the various publishing sources. Secular and denominational presses are turning out thousands of books and magazines. New papers, new magazines, new books are constantly appearing on the market. There is a wealth of valuable materials at our finger tips.

Our great difficulty today is to find time to read. We are all so extremely busy, there

are so many types of recreation in which we want to participate, our work demands so much time and energy, that our time for reading is limited. We have to get it "on the jump." Quite naturally, thus, we are saying: "What shall we read?" "From what reading will we profit most?" "How shall we distinguish between the 'good, better, best in literature?'"

In answer, the wisest thing we can say is, "The best is none too good." What we read has a far-reaching effect upon our mind. It gives us a direct mind-slant. Character is partially formed by the choices we make in our reading.

Jesus and The Book

Jesus had one Book that He had made His own completely. When tempted and troubled He could always turn back in His thinking to God's messages to His people in the Scriptures and could say with authority, "It is written." Perhaps you may like to read some words of the Psalmist with which Jesus must have been familiar. Turn in your own Bible to Psalm 119:9-16.

It is commonly reported that when Sir Walter Scott lay dying he said to his son-in-law, "Bring me the book." The son-in-law looked at the walls filled with books and asked, "Which book?" to which the noted author answered, "There is but one book—the Bible."

Next to the Bible, I would place a good unabridged dictionary of the English language. You ought to know what the words of your Bible mean.

You Are What You Read

You ought to read a daily newspaper. This you can do in fifteen or twenty minutes. Read the headlines to get a general idea of what is in the paper. You do not need to read the murders, robberies, etc. But you should read some of the editorials, and things that deal with our nation and with world relationships and, of course, your favorite comics.

You ought to read one good weekly magazine that is noted for its reporting of the news. Read it thoroughly so as to round out your picture of what is happening in the world.

You ought to read at least one Christian weekly from cover to cover and scan others for things of interest and personal enrichment. A *must* on the list of each of us ought to be your denomination's young people's paper.

Be a Journalistic Evangelist

Why not become a journalistic evangelist? Everyone can be an evangelist of this kind and often the evangelistic results will be as effective as where we make a sudden approach to people. A journalistic evangelist is one who supplies others with Christian literature opening the path for the Holy Spirit to do His work.

Such an evangelist places good reading material into the hands of those who like to read. There are many tracts and "penny gospels" that can be given either free of cost or at small expense to the evangelist.

Intermediate



— NOVEMBER 1 —

Comments by Raymond M. Veb

Some Good "Intermediate" Books

- Jones—"Paul the Hero"
- Grenfell—"Adrift on an Ice Pan"
- Van Dyke—"The Other Wise Man"
- Bolton—"Lives of Poor Boys Who Have Become Famous"
- Bolton—"Lives of Poor Girls Who Have Become Famous"
- Hubbard—"Ann of Ava"
- Brown—"Hallowell Partnership"
- Bunyan—"Pilgrim's Progress"
- Parkman—"Fighters for Peace"
- Brummitt—"Brother Van"
- Howard—"Indian Chiefs I Have Known"
- Eastman—"Yellow Star"
- Andrews—"His Soul Goes Marching On"
- Webster—"Daddy Long Legs; Dear Enemy"
- Conde—"The Business of Being a Friend"
- Hagedorn—"You Are the Hope of the World"
- Atkinson—"Greyfriar's Bobby"
- Laughlin—"Everybody's Lonesome"
- Ewing—"Jackanapes"
- Schutze—"Lone Bull's Mistake"
- Nicolay—"Boy's Life of Lafayette"
- Stevens—"Story of Lincoln"
- Foster—"Making Life Count"
- Applegarth—"Lamplighters Across the Sea"
- Mackenzie—"African Adventures"

A Revival in Reading

One revival in which we can all have a part is a revival of religious reading. There are some signs that such a revival is on. The circulation of devotional booklets is larger today than ever. We will help people to be more effective and happy Christians and more loyal to the church as we lead them into the practice of Christian reading.

Mission boards in America, thrilled over the progress of the adult literacy movement, have eagerly joined forces in attempting to supply Christian literature. With Frank C. Laubach's trips to inaugurate literacy campaigns in many lands, the combined boards have followed up and fostered every conceivable channel. We as Christians need to awaken to the situation and produce good, sound Christian literature as never before.

From The Bible

- M., Oct. 26. Reading God's Covenant. Ex. 24:7.
- T., Oct. 27. Effective Reading. Deut. 17:18-20.
- W., Oct. 28. For Our Learning. Rom. 15:4.
- T., Oct. 29. Attentive to Reading. Neh. 8:1-3.
- F., Oct. 30. Read and Heed. Rev. 1:3.
- S., Oct. 31. A Worthy Purpose. John 20:30, 31.
- Sun., Nov. 1. Topic—Keeping My Reading Christian. I Timothy 4:11-16.

Discussion Questions

1. Why are comic books so popular with many people? What value are they? What are their bad points? How do you rate the intellectual level of a person who habitually reads comic books?
2. Why is it hard to interest people in great literature? What are qualities that make literature great? How can you develop an appreciation for good literature?
3. What is your favorite part of the Bible? Why do you like to read it?
4. How can others be interested so they will want to read the Bible?
5. How will reading the Bible help to make the worship service of the church inspiring? How will it help in understanding the sermon? How will it help in the Bible school class?



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— NOVEMBER 8 —

Comments by Earle W. Gates

Pattern For The Meeting

The leader of this meeting should make careful preparation for its success by these steps:

- Pray for God's blessing and help.
- Study the Bible selections given.
- Read the following material, then add his own thoughts, experiences, and other illustrations.
- Plan a brief Leader's Talk to make clear the purpose of the meeting.

Today's meeting begins a series of two topics on one of the most important subjects in Christianity. They are a study of missionary enterprise. The Interdenominational Foreign Mission Study theme adopted for 1953-1954 by the Churches of the United States and Canada is "The Life and Task of the Church Around the World." As much information and literature as possible should be gathered by the leader. Dr. Samuel Moffett, a missionary recently returned from China and now assigned to Korea, has prepared a reading book for seniors and young people on this subject. Its title is "Where'er The Sun—"

Additional pamphlets will be made available through denominational bookstores. This material should be ready and used in both this meeting and next week's. The particular emphasis today is on the life of the Church, "The Life of the Church Around the World." A wonderful opportunity is presented in this topic to portray the life of the total Church. The Church of Christ is timeless and is unrestricted by space or miles, by race or class. We are

TALK IT OVER

1. What foreign field do you consider the most important today? Why?
2. What field is most "fertile" today?
3. What is the greatest need of the world?
4. Name all of the mission stations you know and tell of the work of each.
5. Name some famous missionaries of the past. Of the modern age.
6. What vocations may be dedicated to use in the Mission field?
7. What important historical events, or current situations, are due to the work of Missions?
8. Describe the value of missions today.

The Life Of The Church Around The World

First Topic in a Series on "The Life and Task of
The Church Around The World"

I Thessalonians 5:5-11; Acts 10:30-44

Daily Readings

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| M., Nov. 2. | A Peculiar People. | Deut. 26:17 |
| T., Nov. 3. | For All People. | Isaiah 56:1 |
| W., Nov. 4. | All the Ends of the World. | Psalm 22:25 |
| T., Nov. 5. | Life for All Who Come. | John 6:33 |
| F., Nov. 6. | In the World But Not of It. | II Cor. 1:8 |
| S., Nov. 7. | The Ministry of Reconciliation. | II Cor. 5:17 |
| Sun., Nov. 8. | Topic—The Life of the Church Around the World. | I Thess. 5:5-11; Acts 10:30-44 |

a part of it and should be informed about it. For a greater understanding of Youth's part in the World Church write for the free booklet, "Christian Endeavor Around the World—an Ecumenical Youth Movement." Address: International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 5, Ohio.

Aim Of The Topic

1. To make clear the work of the World Church in the modern world.

A New Vision

In the beginning of the 18th Century there was no missionary program in all Christendom. The zeal of the First Century Church had long since died down to a comfortable kind of religious complacency. There were only two Protestant foreign missionaries in the whole world! They were in the Danish Halle Mission to India. Then followed the monumental work of William Carey, the first great modern missionary. He reasoned thus, "If Jesus Christ was meant to reign and save, why were millions dying without Him? Why was no one telling them the Good News that one could live forever in Christ?"

Only one Protestant denomination in the world then believed in a world-wide Christian Church. The Moravians were taking Christ's Great Commission seriously and were clinging precariously to the very edges of great continents, with the entire interior ignorant of the name or claims of Christ. In the face of such a challenge when the missionary spirit came alive the Church literally "exploded" around the world. Tiny fragments of sparks burst into flaming zeal on every continent. For example, after three previous Christian invasions of China, beginning in the Seventh Century, it appeared as though that great field was about to be won for Christ. When Robert Morrison first landed in China in 1807 it took him seven years to make one convert and twenty-seven years before his death to win only half a dozen. But that number grew steadily and surely until there were 500,000 Protestant Christians there before the Communists began to systematically destroy them in the early nineteen thirties.

The Challenge Is To Us Also

Today we live in the midst of the fruits of these early efforts. Within this very generation the ruler of China became a Christian, humbly asking baptism of a Methodist pastor. Chiang Kai-Shek has been, and is still, a great factor in the Christianizing of the land that has been called "the sleeping dragon." Dr. Robert E. Speer, the great world missionary, once said that if some power wiped Christianity off the face of the world, with the single exception of the little peninsula we call Korea, there was enough Christian faith and spiritual power there to restore it to all

the world. Such is the kind of glorious faith being shown in that war-torn country. In Brazil, we find the fastest growing Protestant Church in the world—and a need for workers. For half a century the Church of India has been growing at the rate of more than 300 new members every day. Yet the surface is scarcely being scratched. With India divided bitterly, part Moslem and part Hindu, the uniting blessing of the Christian Gospel is needed.

Much has been done, but much more awaits the doing. Through its missionary program and leadership the Church has brought new life in every area of the world. The illiterate have been taught to read. (Dr. Frank Laubach's, "Every one teaches one," has gone far). The sick have been healed, the hungry have been fed, new life and new hope has brought light in the dark places. Above all, the blessed Gospel has been preached. Pray God that more men and nations might adopt the motto of India's National Missionary Society, "Every Christian An Evangelist" with its goal to win its own nation for Christ.

Opportunity Unlimited

Obviously the call today is to the young, the able, the willing—if they be Christians. The world has never known a time when the Christian Gospel is more needed. The life of the Church around the world was made more vital we would have less fear of destructive enemy power and weapons. Today any profession can be dedicated to Christ and pursued in the Mission Field. As an example, in North America there is one doctor for every 700 people; in India, one for every 7,000. Here there is a nurse for every 500 people; in India one for every 48,000! There are preachers in the United States and Canada in comparative numbers, often several to a city block or small village. On every other continent there are vast areas where the name of Christ is utterly unknown, or unacknowledged. We of the Church "here" are called of Christ to build the Church "there." Where is "there" for you?

A SEED THOUGHT

"Missions is but Evangelism gone out over the door-step."

The Church's Faith and Life Around The World

Intermediate



First Topic in a Series on "The Life and Task of The Church Around The World"

I Thessalonians 5:5-11; Acts 10:30-44

Our Aims

1. To engage in a foreign missions study.
2. To secure illustrations of the church at work around the world.
3. To gain a willingness to support mission work wherever there is need.

Look Ahead

Each year Christian Endeavor presents 4 topics on the foreign missions as planned by the Joint Commission on Missionary Education. This year's theme is "The Life and Task of the Church Around the World." The Junior High Texts are:

"The Church We Cannot See" by Nelle Morton (\$1.25, paper; \$2.00, cloth). Illustrated. The stories in this book will give youth of junior high age a real understanding of, and identification with, the universal living church which is a fellowship, and not a building of brick and stone. The Guide on how to use "The Church We Cannot See," is 50 cents. This is a Program Guide for leaders of Junior High Groups by Nelle Morton.

You will want to secure these from your denominational book store. Use these materials as the basis for your meetings.

What The Church Has Done

A wonderful opportunity is presented in this topic to portray the life of the Church around the world. Discuss some of the constructive things which the Church has done through its missionary leadership and program: the illiterate have been taught to read, the sick have been healed, the hungry have been fed, new life and new hope have been brought to many peoples, and the Gospel preached. Recount the contribution of Christian Endeavor to the Missionary use of the Church. Write to your own denominational Mission Board; also send for the booklet, "Christian Endeavor Around the World"—an Ecumenical Youth Movement; address: International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broadway, Columbus 5, Ohio.

One of the richest sources of information on this topic is to be found in the periodicals of your own and other churches. Have several persons search through recent issues of your church papers and magazines for articles on present conditions in missions. Ask your own pastor and pastors of neighboring churches for any periodicals or books they may have on this subject. Be clear in your own mind, and make clear in the minds of your helpers that you want information on conditions in the mission fields today, and how the present

For Daily Devotions

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W., Nov. 4. All the Ends of the World. Psalm 22:25-31.
T., Nov. 5. Life for All Who Come. John 6:33-37.
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Sun., Nov. 8. Topic—The Church's Faith and Life Around the World. I Thess. 5:5-11; Acts 10:30-44.

shows some change from the past efforts on the foreign field.

The purpose of the topic is centered in foreign missions, for that is where the most radical changes have taken place.

The Romance of Missions

After your opening service of worship in which the missionary theme will be emphasized, have someone open the discussion with a five-minute talk on "The Romance of Modern Missions." In this the speaker would give a brief sketch of the conquests of Christian missions in the great continents and nations of the earth. You should have a large map of the world or a good drawing on a chart or blackboard so that the group will be better able to visualize what the present missionary situation really is.

Then have two people prepared to present the changes in missionary work in the following way:

Let the first tell about "When I went to China in 1875."

The second should tell about "When I went to China in 1930."

What Do You Think?

1. Discuss the changing educational requirements for those who are to go to foreign missionary work.
2. Discuss various mission fields with reference to the particular kinds of missionaries they need.
3. Should a missionary have anything to do with political reform?
4. How far is a missionary justified in spending his time in teaching men how to earn a better living?
5. How much military protection should a missionary ask of his country?
6. What is wrong with the argument that all our missionary effort should be spent at home until we become fully Christian here?
7. Discuss the vital importance of winning China, Japan, and India for Christ.
8. What are youth doing in many sections of Europe through work camps to bring the gospel to others?

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The third, "Why I would like to go to China when it will open again to Christian missionaries."

In the text for this evening's lesson, "The Church We Cannot See," use illustrations for similar treatment of other lands. Use also the suggestions in "The Program Guide."

Story

An American woman once heard of the suffering in Africa and went and sold a diamond ring that had lain in a vault for many years, giving the money for the relief of some of that suffering. This was seeing a need and meeting it. This was Christian leadership for Africa beginning in America. And each one of us may have some hidden quality that can be turned into the service of our fellow men.

Modern Mission Work

Village streets in India are often very dirty because everyone thinks of the streets as common property and not something for which he is responsible. Therefore, a person keeping his own courtyard very clean might, at the same time, not bother at all about the appearance of the street in front of his house.

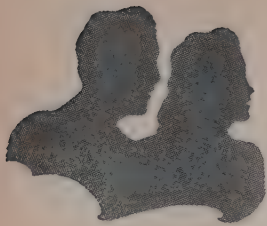
A missionary named William Marlowe, who was not more than twenty-two years old, came with pupils of his school to live in an old barn in a certain village. The people wondered how they could take care of themselves. But soon they had fixed up their place until it was the cleanest in the village. What startled the villagers most, however, was the fact that every day they also cleaned the street around their home. It wasn't long until others were doing the same thing so that, through co-operative action, the village became a much more healthy place to live and the boys could go on to teach the people a great many things about living together.

You see, leaders are not people who just tell others what they should do. They must do it themselves, first.

Youth in the World Council

When the World Council of Churches of Christ was formed in Amsterdam, Holland, in 1948, in one section of the platform the nearly 100 youth delegates and visitors were seated. These were keen and alert young leaders from many nations. Each was a personality in his own right! We could devote columns to describing their interests and talents. The significant thing was that young people were included in the planning for this history-making event.

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— NOVEMBER 15 —

Comments by Earle W. Gates

Pattern For The Meeting

The leader of this meeting should make careful preparation for its success by these steps:

- Pray for God's blessing and help.
- Study the Bible selections given.
- Read the following material, then add his own thoughts, experiences, and other illustrations.
- Plan a brief Leader's Talk to make clear the purposes of the meeting.

This topic is the second and last of a series on "The Life and Task of the Church Around The World." It continues the material and study of last week. The leader should carefully review all of that material to properly set the background for today. The emphasis today is on the task of the Church around the world whereas last week it was on its life. Be sure to have all the missionary literature, and other, to distribute as recommended. Jean M. Fraser, one of the Youth Secretaries of the World Council of Churches, from Geneva, Switzerland, has written a helpful booklet "A Ship Sets Sail." It is published by the Friendship Press, New York.

Write to the International Society of Christian Endeavor, Columbus, Ohio for the free booklet "Christian Endeavor Around The World."

If possible invite a missionary to speak to the group or secure a missionary film or slides. Try to raise the level of interest and participation in the total missionary enterprise on the part of your group. Help them see the basic importance of missions and to see that the Church has one united task in all the world, not a divided responsibility. It is a requisite, not an elective. Remind the members that this two-week theme is the interdenominational foreign mission study theme for 1953-1954. Remember, a good meeting may change lives and may send new workers out into the field, already "white unto the harvest."

Aim Of The Topic

To help young people realize the responsibility of the global Church.

Bible Information

- M., Nov. 9. A World-Wide Commission. Matt. 28:16-20.
- T., Nov. 10. Ordained as Missionaries. Acts 13:1-5.
- W., Nov. 11. Early Missionary Work. Luke 9:1, 2, 6.
- T., Nov. 12. The Sower's Field. Matt. 13:36-43.
- F., Nov. 13. A Missionary Preaches. Acts 9:16-18.
- S., Nov. 14. Missionary Administrations. Acts 16:4, 5.
- Sun., Nov. 15. Topic—The Task of the Church Around the World. Acts. 16:25-34; 17:1-4.

The Task Of The Church Around The World

Second Topic in a Series on "The Life and Task of
The Church Around The World"

Acts 16:25-34; 17:1-4

A Ship Sets Sail

The book of Jean Fraser of the World Council, referred to above, carries this interesting title. Her opening chapter is entitled "A Little Ship," and is significant in describing the symbol adopted by the World Council of Churches. One of the ancient symbols of the Church, which can still be seen in the catacombs of Rome, is a tiny boat, tossing on a wave, and with a cross at the mast. In the sign language of the early Christians, it represented the precarious existence of their small Christian communities in a hostile world. So the little ship represents the utter dependence of the Church on God, even as a sailing ship is dependent on the winds. The smallness of the ship on the waves is symbolic of the fragility of the Church in the face of the powers of the world. Yet the cross at the mast-head is a sign of confidence that the cause and Kingdom of God will prevail. There is a great parallel here with the Church today. It is unimpressive to the eyes of the world, it is often ignored by the forces of might, it is a minority group in numbers. Yet the Church carries constantly within its heart the assurance that it is in the world by the will of God and must ever witness of Him until the promised victory is a reality. Miss Fraser, one of the world's dynamic Youth leaders, suggests that the prayer accompanying her book, and the "little ship" that is the Church, might well be that of the Breton fishermen, "Lord, be good to us, please. Your sea is so big and our ship is so small."

New Things For Today

The very figure of speech of a ship is meaningful to us as we think of the mission of the Church. When our Lord and Master said, "Go ye into all the world,—," He indeed charted a great course for the ship. It represents a going forth to the far quarters of the world, to carry the Good News, yet it ever maintains the bond of unity in the faith. The task of the Church, whether it be at home or abroad, is to present the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Its method of presentation at home is a well-known, and often routine, procedure. How it is presented in new lands is a fascinating and heroic story. The task is never easy and increasingly it grows more difficult in the face of indifference at home, and opposition or persecution abroad. We have not yet learned a 20th Century method for meeting the needs our culture has developed. Neither have we yet been able or willing to present the Gospel as this Century makes it possible. The Christian Gospel is needed in every land as never before. Ours is the task of developing the initiative and technique it demands.

Tomorrow Is Too Late

"Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation." (II

THINK IT OVER

1. What is the greatest task of the Church today?
2. What is its true mission?
3. Where is the Gospel needed most in the world today?
4. What does the Great Commission mean? To whom is it addressed?
5. Who should carry the Missionary message today?
6. How can the World Council of Churches help in the Missionary enterprise?
7. What is your denomination's missionary program? Where are its mission stations?
8. What does it take to be a missionary?
9. What excuse can honestly be given for a young Christian not to go into full-time Christian service if God calls him?
10. Describe the value to the global Church today of the world-circling speaking tours of Dr. Ernest R. Bryan, our International Christian Endeavor President and of Dr. Daniel A. Poling, president of the World's Union.

Corinthians 6:2.) Today is the day to begin our part in this world mission, for us to accept the great commission as our task. Truly, tomorrow is too late. There is not enough security on this earth today to dare delay proclaiming our Saviour's message to the whole world. We are part of a global Church, a global mission. It is Christian Youth's privilege and duty to speak this message. Youth, who dares to do all things, is the hope of the Missionary message today.

Yet too few have responded and sincerely said, "Have Thine Own Way, Lord or 'I'll Go Where You Want Me To Go.' The fields truly are ripe unto harvest, but our Lord reminds us, 'the laborers are few.' Even of those who have dedicated their lives to full-time Christian service or Church vocation, in the ministry or mission.

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A SEED THOUGHT

"Half of the world's population has never heard of Jesus. What burden does that place upon the other half?"

The Church At Work Around The World

Second Topic in a Series on "The Life and Task of The Church Around The World"

Acts 16:25-34; 17:1-4

Intermediate



— NOVEMBER 15 —

Our Aims

To lift our horizons on mission and work.

To appreciate the spreading of the gospel everywhere.

To think of our relationship to the world church.

This topic is based on the Foreign Missions Intermediate text, "The Church We Do Not See." Your leader for last week will use the text. Secure it and the leaders' Guide" and use suggestions to make this topic pertinent.

What We Can Do More than Talk

A young man returning from a youth conference remarked, "I wish this year we could really do something about the things we study. We do a lot of talking but we don't do anything about anything." The very cynical expression "So what!" would well explain the state of mind which eventually ours if we continue to talk and do nothing about the world's needs. The missionary task involves putting the principles of Jesus into action in areas of experience such as solving labor problems, human relationships of friend to friend, realms which have to do with values of personality, international action.

It also means the taking of the message of the Christian way of life into geographical areas which are still untouched by the Christian message. We saw last week that there are still parts of the world in which the message of Jesus has never been taken; it was also made clear to us that there are countries which have hitherto omitted the Christian church to enter which are now closing their doors. An awareness of these facts helps us to know how tremendous is the task before us. The greatness of the task, however, does not alter the fact that the Christian church and all those who have accepted the Christian religion are committed to it. Bishop Azariah of India has the baptized members of his churches place their hands on their heads and repeat, "I am a baptized Christian. Woe unto me if I preach the gospel."

The Challenge of Protestantism

John Burroughs penned a sentence one which so impressed Edward Bok that even in the latter erected his now famous veranda in Florida he caused it to be enveloped upon the walls of that monument. "Come here," wrote Burroughs, "to find perspective: it is so easy to get lost in the world." There is so much of evil and dread abroad that we may miss some of the positive things which are the outcome of mission work in all sections of the world.

Under God, Protestants in East and West are coming to a new awareness of the oneness which is theirs in Jesus Christ, and this they are demonstrating in new and enlarged co-operative ventures, and not infrequently in church unions. Opposition to a mighty and a common foe during the war in Europe prompted co-operation among great sections of Christendom, the like of which is rarely to be found since the birth of Protestantism. The National Christian Council in India in 1946 was voted more genuine strength by its participating bodies. In England only a few years ago a Council of Churches was organized. In France, L'Action Protestante seeks to provide publicity for French Protestantism and to integrate the youth work of the churches.

One of the most heartening evidences of Protestant activities in Europe and Asia is the area of Evangelism; this from groups as widely separated as the Church of England and the Pentecostals. Perhaps this new earnestness has been induced by the fact that today many Christians think of themselves as a minority who dwell in an evil world. In England there are the "Religion and Life Weeks," or the "Commando Crusades." The Iona community combining labor and prayers represents an approach to the old and new. There are signs that God's Spirit is at work everywhere.

Things We Can Do

To begin your discussion you might head the blackboard "Things We Can Do." The suggestions by the group might include some of the following points, with which we are including questions for discussion. The group will of course have to decide on which activities they can really work in their own community.

A. Become better informed ourselves.

1. Start a World Friendship library.
2. Ask the church council, the church school board to co-operate in the building of a World Friendship library.
3. Ask the town librarian to purchase special World Friendship books and work out plans for reading them.
4. Plan a special mission study class.

Bible Rations

- I Thess. 5:5-11; Acts 10:30-44.
T., Nov. 24. A Good Medicine. Prov. 17:22.
T., Nov. 10. Ordained As Missionaries. Matt. 28:16-20.
W., Nov. 11. Early Missionary Work. Acts 13:1-5.
T., Nov. 12. The Sower's Field. Luke 9:1, 2, 6.
F., Nov. 13. A Missionary Preaches. Matt. 13:36-43.
S., Nov. 14. Missionary Administration. Acts 9:16-18.
Sun., Nov. 15. Topic—The Church At Work Around The World. Acts 16:25-34; 17:1-4.

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B. Help others to be informed.

1. Share programs with church school departments.
2. Keep an up-to-date and attractive World Friendship bulletin board for the church.
- C. Help to build a Christian youth fellowship in your town.
- D. Study various fields of service for vocational choices.

Most of our group are interested in how they may best contribute to the welfare of the world through the work they will do.

E. Pray.

1. Individually and as a group.
2. Prepare special World Friendship worship services.
- F. Refuse as far as possible to be influenced by vicious propaganda.

1. Check ways in which we are in danger of "being fooled."
2. Plan means of discovering truth.

G. Become acquainted with those from another country within our own community. Plan some activities together.

One Christian Endeavor visited one of the foreign-speaking churches of a large city. On the way home the following conversation between two of the girls was heard: "I wish we had had that party a week ago!" "Why?" came the response. "Because last week I was asked to answer this question in school: 'What is your reaction to foreign people?' And I said, 'I don't like them,' but I'd never give that answer now! Those people were wonderful and they showed us such a good time."

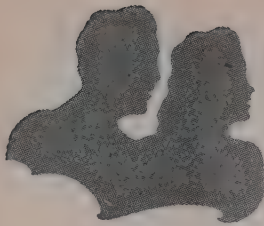
What had this girl learned through her new experience? Are there boys and girls within our community whom we think of as "foreigners" and about whom we know little?

H. Do our share to dispel race prejudice.

1. Become acquainted with the young people's organization of a church of another race.
2. Help to see that the Jew is treated fairly in our community. In many places within our own country anti-Semitism is growing, partly because of propaganda and ignorance—two evils about which we can do something.
3. Study the social and economic conditions in which people of other racial groups are forced to live.

I. Co-operate in an interdenominational project.

If a beginning has been made in your community in this direction, find out how you can best lend your support. If you fail to discover anything being done by young people in this matter, take the initiative in planning some community projects.



Senior-
Young
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— NOVEMBER 22 —

Comments by Earle W. Gates

Pattern For The Meeting

The leader of this meeting should make careful preparation for its success by these steps:

- Pray for God's blessing and help.
- Study the Bible selections given.
- Read the following material, then add his own thoughts, experiences, and other illustrations.
- Plan a brief Leader's Talk to make clear the purposes of the meeting.

This topic is to keep us mindful of the Thanksgiving season and what it means. Too frequently, Thanksgiving represents the large meal before us, the one big blessing recently received, or some such minimum blessing. It is the duty of the leader to begin the thinking of the young people on blessings often forgotten, or taken for granted.

One interesting part of the meeting could be having each one make a list of things for which they are grateful and see how large a list can be made.

It can be very interesting and helpful to have each one, or those who care to, to tell of their family observance of Thanksgiving. Perhaps discussing it can make them more aware of their lack of a true "thanks" giving, or help others to improve upon theirs.

It is also a perfect opportunity for the leader to emphasize the importance of grace at meals. Many folks have prayer on Thanksgiving and never any other time. Show how simple it is to convince such families to make this a starter for prayer each day at meals. This is a job for each young person in his own home. Thanksgiving is a perfect time to start.

Aim Of The Topic

1. To emphasize a real thanksgiving observance.
2. To start the members thinking about forgotten gifts and blessings.

The First Thanksgiving

Over 300 years ago the Pilgrims knelt in prayers of thanks for the bounty of their crops, received the first year they were in this country. They had had a safe journey over, a successful landing, a substantial building of homes, and a sufficient harvest. They had much for which to give thanks and they set apart a special day for

Blessings We Often Forget

Psalm 103:1-8

it. They had so little compared with today's comforts and endless food supply, but still they gave thanks. Truly, death, hunger, and want confronted them, but still they returned their thanks to the God Who gave.

Why Thanksgiving This Year?

The Pilgrims knew no great conveniences such as today so could be more easily contented. They were unhappy, and had known great privation; anything was an improvement, their God had been good.

But why be thankful today? There is one war after another, homes are broken, lives are lost. Part of the year there is so much rain that the seeds float away upon the ground; then there's so much sun and no rain, the crops dry up. Each year new insect pests spoil fruit and crops. News broadcasts shout theft, murder, war, accidents, death, and horror in general. Polio and cancer take more lives and become more of a mystery daily. Where is the blessing?

Each day the sun comes up, the clouds protect us from its blistering rays, the trees provide shade. The rains provide water for our needs. The snow makes a protective covering over the earth during the winter months. The farmer plants a seed and the proper fruit or vegetable develops. The trees, clay, and rocks that God provides make warm, sturdy homes possible. The gas, oil, and coal found deep in the earth provide the necessary heat. The dew of early morning gives the moisture the earth needs. Darkness comes at the same general time, shielding the plants and crops from constant heat, and making man's rest more delightful. There is air available each day which is necessary to life itself. Few of these things can be taken away from any man. God holds the key to each one.

Man has helped develop some of God's gifts so that other blessings are available and helpful each day. Hospitals for the ill, prisons for the criminals, institutions for the mentally ill, hospitals, sanitariums, homes, educational opportunities, beds, tables, chairs, soft rugs, lights, radio, television, telephones, abundant food and water, automobiles, ships, airplanes, and innumerable other things are at the fingertips hourly.

Friendships are a blessing we can't imagine being without. Freedom of worship to those who have and use it, is an unsurpassed blessing. Comfort, strength, and help are its daily fruits.

The Blessing Of "No"

This may seem strange, but there is a blessing in the "no" received from God. Often after much prayer, hope and desire, for a certain thing, a negative answer may come. It doesn't seem possible then that it can be a blessing. "All things work together for good to them that love God"—and a yes can't be expected to be God's will all the time. It's often hard to take at the moment, and is more appreciated as time goes on. Perhaps a child wants a toy and even prays for it, but the answer is no. Perhaps sincere prayer is offered for the healing of a loved

Bible Readings

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| M., Nov. 16. | Beware . . . Forget Not. | Deut. 8:10-1 |
| T., Nov. 17. | Prayer with Thanksgiving. | Phil. 4:4 |
| W., Nov. 18. | Thanks for the Temple. | Ezra 3:10 |
| T., Nov. 19. | Thanks Amidst Opposition. | Psalm 42:8-1 |
| F., Nov. 20. | Thanks in the Face of Death. | Dan. 6:4-1 |
| S., Nov. 21. | Thanks for All Things. | Eph. 5:20 |
| Sun., Nov. 22. | Topic—Blessings We Often Forget. | Psalm 103:1-8 |

one, but the answer is no. Maybe one prayed about a particular school or job in which he is much interested, but the doors are closed to him. What is God's purpose? These are only a few homely illustrations, out of multitude. Name others.

When God says "no," He has a reason. Perhaps He has something better; maybe man's desires and wishes would harm him. God answers every prayer, but sometimes His answer is "no." This then is the best answer. Be thankful for the blessing of "no," or of His loving, "Not yet, my child."

Name Your Blessings

Have each one present make a list of his blessings received in the past year. Your blessings will not be the same as those of your friends. It is good for each one to take account of all he has received and see how grateful he should really be. Try to name those not usually thought about.

STOP AND THINK

1. Compile lists from the sheets made by each individual; one showing what is possible by God alone, and the other where man has aided God's original gifts.
2. Why is there a Thanksgiving Day?
3. What are some Christian ways in which we should observe it?
4. Is there anything contrary to its original meaning to just have a family get together and enjoy a big meal? Explain your answer.
5. When you are the head (or assistant head) of your home, how will you observe Thanksgiving?
6. How important is prayer on a day of thanks?
7. Can you be thankful for a "no" to your prayers?
8. What will you attempt to do this year to make your Thanksgiving what it really should be?
9. How can we make every day a Thanksgiving day?
10. How can we help others to be thankful?
11. What can your Society do to spread the spirit of Thanksgiving?

A SEED THOUGHT

"Count your blessings, name them one by one."

Blessings We Often Forget

Psalms 104:1-35

Our Aims

To enumerate blessings we take granted.

To sense that ingratitude is un-healthy of a Christian.

To learn how to have the grateful it always.

Attitude Flavors Life

In Africa there is a berry which is called the "Taste Berry." It is so called because it is so sweet that it makes food taste better even for hours after the berry has been eaten. Gratitude and thanksgiving is the taste berry of Christianity. If we will be heartily of this berry, our whole life will be sweetened.

"Sunday, Monday and Always"

A popular song of a few years ago was called, "Sunday, Monday and Always." The song is stimulating. Ought we not to be thankful each day for the many gifts God has given us?

"Sunday, Monday and Always," are you thankful for the five wonderful senses each of us possesses: sight, hearing, touch, taste and smell? These are the windows through which we know our world and are able to live in it well. Our joy with its strength is a wonderful gift from God.

"Sunday, Monday and Always" are you thankful for a mind which enables you to be able to judge, to remember, to hope, to decide, to plan? Daily are you thankful for your home, for your parents, your family? "Sunday, Monday and Always" are you thankful for a magnificent nation of which you are a part? Are you mindful of its history, its ideals, its strength, its opportunities to lead and help other nations? Above all, are you thankful to God for the gift of Jesus Christ who reveals abundant life?

Shakespeare calls ingratitude a "marble-hearted fiend." Robert Louis Stevenson, warning the peril of ingratitude, searched his own soul daily, if indeed the blessings of life were falling on his sullen heart in vain. In his letters to the early churches, Paul constantly called Christians to be free of the ungrateful spirit.

Thanksgiving time calls us again to be thankful, "Sunday, Monday, and Always." We have lost depth and direction, now the time to catch the true spirit of thanksgiving. Thanksgiving indeed is not a holiday, it is a habit. Carry the thankful attitude with you "Sunday, Monday and Always."

Daily Bible Readings

- Nov. 16. Beware . . . Forget Not.
Deut. 8:10-14.
- Nov. 17. Prayer With Thanksgiving.
Phil. 4:4-7.
- Nov. 18. Thanks for the Temple.
Ezra 3:10, 11.
- Nov. 19. Thanks Amidst Opposition.
Psalm 42:3-11.
- Nov. 20. Thanks in the Face of Death.
Dan. 6:4-10.
- Nov. 21. Thanks for All Things.
Eph. 5:20, 21.
- Nov. 22. Topic—Blessings We Often Forget (Thanksgiving Sunday)
Psalm 104:1-35.

Thanksgiving—an Attitude

Thanksgiving indeed is more than a day. It is a life program. When we are completely thankful there is an impulse that makes us lift our hearts to God. Only people who believe in God as a personal being actively interested in the affairs of man, can give praise and thanksgiving. "Know ye not that the Lord he is God? It is he that has made us and not we ourselves."

A Testimony

Here is the testimony written by one Christian Endeavorer which should be the testimony of each one:

"I am thankful that I am a princess. I am a daughter of The King and am heiress of his boundless love and magnificent kingdom. At my fingertips lies more wealth than I shall be able to explore even in a complete lifetime of lavish living. I need never feel the pinch of restricted horizons.

"Because of my royal blood, I have inherited the key that unlocks a mansion filled with the world's most precious gems. Great thoughts, crystallized into literature, are mine but for the taking. All the melody and harmony of music and the love of nature are mine, if I claim them. Mine can be a wealth of great art and of a love for humanity. These are part of my heritage. Since I possess this key, I may travel to all extents of the earth, dream great dreams, philosophize and laugh, in common with the greatest that have ever lived.

"I have a life to fill and much with which to fill it. Humbly I realize this fact. All the vast expanse of wealth was a gift to me. In return I must use my heritage and use it well. I must live a noble life befitting a daughter of The King. For this I am thankful."

Candlelighting —

You might have a large number of candles on hand and then have one lighted each time someone names that for which we ought to be thankful. Discuss each tangible or intangible thing named. You might include among things for which to thank God: thanks for Christ, gift of life, gift of time, all material gifts, harvest, health, prosperity, tribulations, loved ones.

Hymns

Hymns appropriate for use in the worship service include: "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come," "O God, Beneath Thy Guiding Hand," "Now Thank We All Our God," "Praise to God and Thanks We Bring."

Decorate for Thanksgiving

Decorate your room so that it will reveal the Thanksgiving season. Corn and fruits of the season can make a beautiful cornucopia. Have the members attend the evening church service in a body, bringing the cornucopia to the altar of the church.

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Poem

THANKSGIVING

by W. M. Maiden

Courtesy Builders

For happy days and pleasant hours,
And for the sunshine and the showers,
For thy blessings glad and free,
We bring, O Lord, our thanks to thee.

For fruitful fields and hills and dells
And babbling brooks and cooling wells,
For springing flowers that deck our way,
May we be thankful, Lord, we pray.

For homes and friends and kindred dear,
For music's strains that greet the ear,
For restful nights and gladsome days,
Our grateful hearts would give thee praise.

For freedom's light that shines anew,
For noble souls that bade adieu
To all things dear, and went away,
Make us grateful, Lord, today.

For battles fought and victories won,
For plans for peace yet scarce begun,
For faith in Him who rules above,
May we give thanks and praise and love.

For Father's gift in love sent down,
His perfect life with cross and crown,
For life beyond this vale of tears,
We'll praise thee, Lord, throughout the years.

Now thanks to thee for all these things,
And all the joy Thanksgiving brings;
But one more blessing still impart—
Give me, O Lord, a thankful heart.

How Grateful Are We?

1. Is thankfulness a matter of how much you have or an attitude of the heart? Explain.

2. What is the origin of Thanksgiving Day? Give history as to what the Pilgrims were thankful for. Was everything bright and easy, or were there hardships back in 1623?

3. How can we give practical expression of Thanksgiving? Is saying "Thank you" sufficient? (Would you include using God's gifts in service to others, in right living, and in building God's kingdom?)

4. Name some blessing many Americans forget.

5. Look up Psalms that particularly call attention to the spirit of thankfulness.



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Pattern For The Meeting

The leader of this meeting should make careful preparation for its success by these steps:

Pray for God's blessing and help.
Study the Bible selections given.
Read the following material, then add his own thoughts, experiences, and other illustrations.

Plan a brief Leader's Talk to make clear the purposes of the meeting.

This is a very up-to-the-minute topic and should provoke much discussion and thought. The meeting may get into some lively arguments and loyal defense, as television favorites are "cussed and discussed." The leader should be prepared for this and have plenty of information "ammo" on hand. It will add interest if the room is decorated simply, but in relation to TV or radio. Perhaps the meeting might be set up as a studio, in seating, leader at a mike, etc. Give participants famous names. Keep a close time schedule. Try to have the general atmosphere "different." It will be the responsibility of the leader of this meeting to guide the thinking of the young people into constructive channels. The discussion must not get silly or superficial, nor merely be the exchanging of opinions on popularity. It could easily get out of hand and lose its value. Rather, strive to have a thoughtful stating of values, and a comparing of the ideal with the actual. Consider the benefits and the harm in television from a Christian point of view. Bring out the proper use of leisure time. Seriously consider the place of the Church in TV. Try to discover how the Name of Christ can be glorified through this medium, and how His Kingdom may be advanced. Finally, take some definite steps, in the way of program-choosing, or participation, or letters to the studio, etc. Plan for action.

Aim Of The Topic

To bring out true values in television, and to cause Christian young people to exercise greater discrimination.

Bible Readings

- M., Nov. 23. Natural and Spiritual. I Cor. 2:14-16.
T., Nov. 24. Self Control Needed. Rom. 8:11-16.
W., Nov. 25. Rise to Adult Minds. I Cor. 14:20.
T., Nov. 26. Our Christian Heritage. Psalm 48:8-14.
F., Nov. 27. See the Possibilities in God's Power. Gen. 15:1-6.
S., Nov. 28. Wise Behaviour. Psalm 101:1-3.
Sun., Nov. 29. Topic—What's On Television? Col. 3:1-4; Matt. 6:19-33.

What's On Television?

Colossians 3:1-4; Matthew 6:19-33

Let's Be Choosey

Certainly, let's be choosey as to how we use our leisure time. There are so many demands upon time that it does not pay to squander it. Wasted time can never be reclaimed. One of the chief areas of leisure in our modern life is in the viewing of television. In this we surely ought to be as discriminating as possible. Long hours can be thoughtlessly wasted or can be gainfully invested in the wonder of modern television. There should be a definite standard set for each one and especially children, in the use of this "magic box." We are fortunate in being able to turn it off so readily.

What's Good?

This is an interesting question and perhaps each one would have a different answer, according to taste, or past experience. There are, however, certain norms that can be established to determine quality. Certainly we would agree that nearly any program pertaining to our own religious faith would be worthwhile. Those that provide good cultural training are valuable beyond words. Programs that help us do specific work better are an inexpensive but valuable source of training. The better news commentators are helpful. Some of the plays are excellent, and to be desired; the majority are pure trash. The value in politics is still to be analyzed but TV appears to be a source of education for the citizenry. Sports and specialized entertainment, within proper bounds, are desirable. There is much good and much bad in the things that are thrust into our living rooms. Since the eyegate is one of the most vital means of permanent impression, it is necessary that we "cleave to that which is good" and cut clear from all the rest.

How About The "Plug Uglies"?

The commercials of poor taste, and the advertising that is dishonest or annoying, were given the descriptive name of "plug uglies" on the radio some time ago. They are well named. Some are utterly disgusting and in poor taste. Some are almost nauseating. Some are noisy and disturbing. But worst of all, many are devastating in their power to harm youth. The attractive way beer and wine are portrayed makes new temptations to be faced. Children have often wanted a drink of them after seeing the tantalizing way they "pour" cold sparkling beverage almost into their lips, to the accompaniment of a fervent vocal invitation by the announcer. These men and women often appear pitiful as they glorify and glamorize some insignificant trifle, or some harmful product. They so frantically "knock themselves out," as some have expressed it, to extol the virtues of their particular cigarette. It is often a very ugly or a very ridiculous picture. How long must we stand for this insult to our senses and to our better judgment? There is often more harm caused by the "commercial" than by an entire program.

What Can We Do?

What course should the intelligent person follow? Each one must decide to use his God-given judgment in determining the

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"The soul is dyed the color of our leisure hours."

truth or falsity of a statement, or an "invitation." Discrimination should be exercised in the choice of programs and in the amount of time to be used in this way. But what can be done of a positive, aggressive nature to improve the type of programs, and to safeguard families against the dangers of false advertising? This is a question for young people to "get their teeth into." calls for action. Talk over definite methods and possibilities today. Let's not just "talk it lying down" and let our homes be invaded with dangerous propaganda and falsehood. Let's let our intelligence feel insulted—and act!

May We Come In?

This is a question the Church and organizations should ask of television today. In this most modern means of communication, the Church of Christ must have a part. Now, while it is still in the developmental stage, is the time to get our stakes down. More telecasts of regular worship service should be sought. Religious drama, better music, Christian messages, may well be part of the daily program. The Church must hold its control over proper script, and costuming. As the guardian of morals, its voice must be heard. But beyond this, in many ways the Christian Church may well take the initiative in originating programs. Let the voice of the Church be heard; let its pictorial messages adorn our homes. Who will lead the way, literally, bringing the Church "into the picture"?

FOR ACTION

1. What are the greatest evils of television today?
2. What harm can it cause in our homes and lives?
3. What possibilities for benefit are there?
4. Which are more harmful, bad programs or bad commercials?
5. Name several products about which you hear untrue advertising.
6. Which programs or commercials would you like to have off the air?
7. Tell what you would like to see on your TV screens that is not available.
8. Make a list of programs. Then list them as Excellent, Good, Poor, Harmful, Meaningless, etc.
9. How can the Church best participate in television?
10. How much time should we spend watching TV?
11. What can your young people do to help the situation?

Live Healthfully!

Proverbs 31:1-9; I Corinthians 3:16

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Get the Habit

- Get the Habit—of early rising.
- Get the Habit—of retiring early.
- Get the Habit—of eating slowly.
- Get the Habit—of being grateful.
- Get the Habit—of being punctual.
- Get the Habit—of fearing nothing.
- Get the Habit—of speaking kindly.
- Get the Habit—of radiating sunshine.

Be Like Jesus

Reputable physicians are spending more time today in preventing rather than curing disease. The YMCA and YWCA gymnasium with their trained physical directors, the gymnasium in our public schools and athletics in connection with our Sunday schools, the Boy and Girl Scout Movements, health magazines and health departments in many of our secular and religious journals, are doing a great deal to inform the people as to the requirements of body building and the maintenance of a healthy condition of the body. Last but by no means least is the teaching of physiology and hygiene in our schools, teaching the care of the eyes and teeth, teaching proper diet and cleanliness of body and home. This is doing much to improve the general health of the growing generation, the fathers and mothers of tomorrow. Jesus was a strong, healthy child, youth, young man. Let us as far as possible be like Him physically.

For Your Program

Arrange for three talks as follows:

1. *Growth in Body.* I Corinthians 6:19-20.
2. *Growth in Mind.* II Timothy 2:15-26.
3. *Growth in Spirit.* II Peter 3:18.

For a solo use the familiar hymn found in many youth hymnals: "The Body, Lord, Is Ours to Keep."

The Leader may want to draw out the group on the subject, "How Can We Grow As Christ Grew?"

To conclude the evening there should be a period for consecration to the highest ideals for living healthfully, led by the counselor or pastor. This would be an admirable time to present pledges for temperate living as developed by some denominations. Write to your denominational Board of Christian Social Action for materials.

Readings From Scripture

- Psalm 104
- M., Nov. 23. Life and Health.
 - T., Nov. 24. Self-Control Needs Christian.
 - W., Nov. 25. Prayers for the Sick.
 - T., Nov. 26. Healing Israel.
 - F., Nov. 27. The Great Physician.
 - S., Nov. 28. Healed by Faith.
 - Sun., Nov. 29. Topic—Lazarus.

Aims

To consider the elements that make a strong body.

To dedicate the body to life's holiest values.

To fulfill the first commandment sanctified by Jesus.

True to Self

The study of character this seems to be the logical place to begin.

To thine own self be true . . . thou canst not then be false to any man."

What does it mean for a youth to be true to himself? Are we thinking that within a young person there is a consciousness of a better self to which he can be true? It seems to have taken that for granted. There is first the element of a clean life. No matter what other traits of character a youth may have if his life is unclean he is always under a question-mark.

We expect him to be clean in body. He is not to be blessed with the physique of a champion, but he can at least take good care of what he has inherited from his parents. The clean-living young person, by consecration to the task, can often overcome serious physical handicaps. Theodore Roosevelt was such an invalid in his youth that he couldn't continue in the public school. But out on a western ranch he disciplined himself to the extent that he was able to develop a powerful body and was able to support a virile personality.

Too many youth are throwing away the things they inherited rather than improving them. Strong bodies are not developed by indulgence in habits that bring about sleep, strained stomachs, or lungs clogged with the fumes from poorly ventilated, smoke-filled rooms.

A clean life involves clean thoughts, clean speech, and clean conduct. A man who one day, "Well, it's just as well to think an unclean thought as to say it, but is it? If the thought were choked and displaced by a wholesome thought and it not be better than to give excretion to it and thus plant it more firmly ever into one's thought-life?"

For the Body

To live healthfully demands care of the body—physical cleanliness, rest, stimulus, and again that beautiful story, "The Girl and a Rose." If one touches the rose it leaves an ugly spot. That which is touched too much tends to become familiar and commonplace. Let us beware lest we

adopt the world's view and think of the body as a pleasure parlor rather than a sacred shrine. Reverence the body. It is God's means of creating life, of preserving life, of incarnating His own life. Consider it a violin of the Master on which His music alone may be played. Consider it the vessel of God, in which His treasure alone may be kept. Consider it the temple of God, in which He alone may dwell.

God's Temple

My body is a temple
That needs the greatest care;
It must be clean and wholesome,
For God is living there.
And if I keep the temple,
My body, strong and clean,
My mind must be as wholesome,
Although it can't be seen.
My thoughts must be unselfish;
My words must comfort give;
My deeds must all be worthy
Of him with whom I live.
The bracing air I breathe in,
The ocean where I swim,
The sports that build my muscle,
I'll use for love of him.

—Esther H. Doolittle.

Your Body

"Physical satisfaction is the ultimate in happiness." Such is the teaching of a growing cult. "My body for myself" is the essence of this teaching. "I can use it, abuse it, pamper it, gratify its appetites and passions, and prostitute it for lower ends if I will." It's a vicious teaching, "a tide of paganism."

"Such a paganism is not satisfied with destroying self," stated one leader at the International Christian Endeavor Convention. It reaches out and says, "Your body for me. My body does not long satisfy me so I must have yours and yours and yours." It is such a teaching that permits injustice and despotism and inhumanity to persist. It is such a creed that permits child labor to exist, that smiles at un-Christian sex relations, that scoffs at the equality of employer and employee or of man and woman.

Physical satisfaction is the least durable thing in the world. Men and women who practice that are off on the wrong start. With such a philosophy of physical satisfaction abroad fine boy and girl, husband and wife relationships are difficult in these days. All schemes of unmarital sex relations proposed thus far are based on fallacies and usually on pagan teaching.

The philosophy of Jesus is still the world's only true standard. His sympathy, His keen perception, the sacredness with which He viewed His body, are still mankind's greatest example. As this leader says, "Those eyes of His never caused one blush of shame on any woman's face—that beautiful body of His never laid hands upon little children to exploit them." His philosophy even on the cross was, "This is my body which is broken for you." Ever since that day followers of the Christ have given of themselves to lift men from the mire of sin and indulgence and shame.

To Start Discussion

- 1. What things help us to grow?
- 2. What is spiritual growth as distinguished from intellectual growth?
- 3. Which is most important, intellectual or spiritual growth?
- 4. What things stunt physical growth? Mental growth? Spiritual growth?
- 5. How is a loving spirit, a healthful soul as well as a soul tonic?

RELIGIOUS RE-AWAKENING

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refugees to help themselves. He collected a group of them who had had experience in carpentry, masonry, and plumbing and set them to work. Now an attractive village of homes and apartments can be seen on this hill. A simple cross was placed at the highest point of the hill and from this point the first religious services were held around the cross. Now a small, attractive church is standing in the heart of the community and beside it is a church bell, a gift from the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Buffalo, New York.

Pastor Freudenberg has had some help in financing his housing project, which is one of the most practical ways of helping the people to help themselves that has been yet devised. His work could be even more extensive if he could have more funds to enlarge the project, either from German insurance companies, or from American philanthropists. Perhaps it is the warm, sunny influence of the good Pastor's personality that makes the village shine; perhaps it is the feeling of self respect which has awakened new hope in the hearts of the residents; but Heilsberg, "the holy Mountain," is certainly a vast improvement over the unpainted, poorly-furnished shacks which at first were the only shelter available for the thousands of refugees who risked their lives to gain their freedom.

Near Stuttgart, our friend Mrs. Walter pointed out to us an old house that had been turned into a rest home for girls from the Russian Zone, whose nerves had been shattered by their experiences under the Communists. These girls, who in many cases have lost by death or separation all contact with their families, are urged to spend several months in complete rest before starting a new life of useful employment. Their Christmas, Easter, and other holidays are made bright by warm-hearted, friendly Christian German women who go out to this Home to bring them hope and cheer.

People Full of Hope

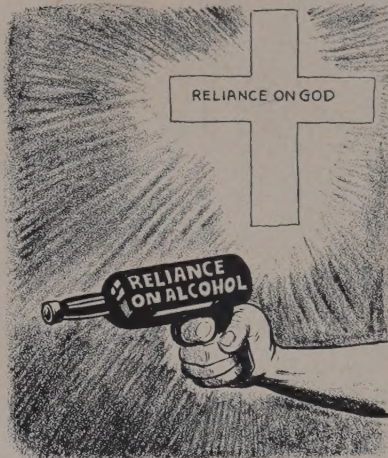
But serious as the refugee problem is, we must not think of Germany as a land of complete discouragement and

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despair. In spite of the blocks of bombed homes, churches, and schools, one finds German people, especially in the the British and American Zones, full of hope, energy, and friendliness. In showing us the badly-bombed church, built in 1102, of which her brother is pastor, our German friend, Dr. Clara Wicke, whom we first met at the World's Christian Endeavor Convention in London in 1950, said, "Of course, it is too badly bombed ever to be repaired." Then she hastened to add, "But surely the bombers never intended to destroy a church like this; they must have miscalculated in the dark and dropped the bomb too soon."

The ultimate in friendly feeling to the American Occupation troops, I thought, was shown in Munich, where a delightful and very able German business woman told me that last Christmas and New Year's Day, members of the German Business and Professional Women's Club of Munich arranged to

have all American Military Personnel invited into German homes. The fact that over 80 percent of the men accepted shows how they appreciated friendly hospitality.

One wonders, if the situation had been reversed, and a German soldier had occupied the United States, how many of us would have voluntarily invited them to be guests in our homes for our Christmas celebration! Such a gesture on the part of German families to our soldiers, and of our German to the refugees, must be an indication that a spiritual re-awakening is under way in Germany.

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revealed good strategy on the part of Council planners. Young people who ecumenically minded are needed around world. They can do much now and in days ahead to preserve and spread the y of the church.

When 6,000 Dutch young people filled Apollo Hall — a great factory-like building in Amsterdam—for a World Council of Churches rally, a marvelous program speaking and music was presented. Three things we shall not soon forget: (1) the singing in French of the hymn "A Toi la gloire." Imagine an audience of American youth being asked to sing a hymn in another language! We would butcher it! But the European youth know several languages and they sang the hymn in French and it was wonderfully lifting. (2) The speaking choir of Dutch young people read choice statements from Martin Luther and famed Reformation leaders. This, too, was so well done that the audience was thrilled. (3) The choir of 100 delegates to the Youth Assembly of the World Council of Churches representing 12 nations hushed the vast audience in singing, "Steal Away to Jesus." The Youth Department of the World Council was founded in 1947 at Lund, Sweden.

Work Camps

One of the fine phases of youth work today is participation of Christian youth work camps at home and abroad. These camps are located in the damaged or decayed centers of the three countries, where young people from a large part of the world spend their summers to aid in rebuilding churches, schools and other rural sites destroyed by the war. They live in youth hostels on the plainest of food, and their time is divided between the hard manual labor of reconstruction and their devotional periods. More than 600 youth from 12 countries shared the hardships of such a life during the past summer.

Junior-Young People — Nov. 15

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There are too many who betrayed their Lord's confidence in their promise. So tragic it is to see a life once dedicated to a great purpose merely frittered away in the effort to make money or one that provides a living. The writer, returning from the funeral of one of his own young men fully prepared for the Mission field literally weeps as he asks the question "Why?" And as he hears God even more sadly "Why aren't you the others who have promised, and yet you don't take their case, and not keeping their vow to 'go where He leads?'" Tomorrow is too late to awaken. The time of the Church everywhere is our task. Who is ready today to go? Who is ready today to pray, to talk, to work, and to give money generously, that others may also go?

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- 9-11—Inter-State Union of Armenian C. E. Societies, New York City
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- 31-November 1—Great Lakes Region, Gary, Indiana

DECEMBER

- 4-5—Program Council of International Society, Columbus, Ohio
- 4-7—Christian Endeavor Executives' Conference, Columbus, Ohio
- 6—Dedication, New Headquarters Building, International Society of Christian Endeavor, Columbus, Ohio

For November Meetings

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For Thanksgiving

Not only for mission study, but for Thanksgiving you may make your own projected script. Each member may cut from a magazine, a week before, a picture of a "blessing we often forget." These may be mounted and either a note, poem, prayer, or typed comments by the person giving the picture, may be shown. Or, small pieces of shell, slate, rock, bread, fabric, wood, metal, plants, etc. may be projected as visual reminders of our blessings. (The operator must be able to change focus as needed on such objects.) Films, or filmstrips may be used. The Moody Bible Institute films are now in filmstrips on sale at about \$5 in color, with rentals for less. The Society for Audio-Visual Aids, Chicago, has a colored filmstrip, "Thanksgiving with Jesus." This is excellent for children, but may also be used with adults. A vast store of slides and films can be found on "God's Blessings in Nature."

For the last topic of November plan in advance with your local TV station to carry a good religious program at the hour of your meeting. Rent a TV set or arrange with a local dealer for a loan. Brief the group on "what to look for" in the program, then view and evaluate. Be sure that you clear with the local station the advertising that is in this program, unless it is intended that it serve a special purpose such as abstinence, temperance, etc.



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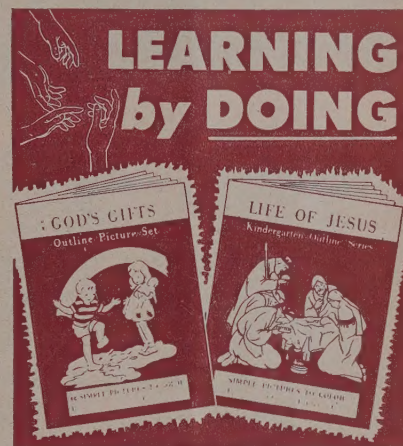
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